Poquoson's History

The parish originally called "New Poquoson," later renamed Charles Parish, played an extremely important role in the historical development of York County and the city of Poquoson.

According to the book "History and Registers of Charles Parish," there is an authentic record that in 1645 there was a parish in York County named New Poquoson.

A record book of York County, 1645 to 1648, contains this entry, under the date of Dec. 20, 1645:

"Whereas Thomas Waldoe was by the churchwardens of the New Poquoson presented for an abuse of the church and minister and for not receiving the sacrament, the court doth therefore order him the said Waldoe to bring certificate under the hand of Mr. Charles Grundy minister of the said p'ish of his reformation of the said abuses to ye next court, otherwise to be censured by the court for the same."

Further, the register states that the names of New Poquoson, New Towson and of Charles Parish are used in records in such a way as to justify the tentative conclusions that:

(1)In 1642/3 one of the parishes of York County was New Poquoson parish.
(2)About 1680 the name was changed to New Towson parish.
(3)Prior to July 8, 1702, the name was changed to Charles Parish and so remained to the end of the time covered by the register.

Volume XXII of the William and Mary Quarterly gives a list of the parishes of York County as they existed in 1657. Marston was between Queen's Creek and York River; Middle Plantation comprised the settlement of that name on the north of Queen's Creek; Chiskiack or Hampton between Queen's Creek and Townseat Creek (afterwards Yorktown Creek); York, between Yorktown Creek and Back Creek; and New Poquoson, afterwards Charles River Parish, between Back Creek and Poquoson River.

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